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EDITORIAL NOTES.

What is known in England as the insurance bill, a measure providing for the insurance of all

FAILURE OF THE INSURANCE BILL.

wage-earners of a certain class and for their medical attendance in case of injury, etc., has met with a

distinct setback. It undertook to legislate the amount of compensation that should be paid to the physician for his services. It raised a storm of protest from the members of the British Medical Association who considered that the compensation fixed by the bill was totally inadequate. It certainly is "contract practice" by wholesale, and the compensation for that sort of practice is usually not large. Something over 27,000 physicians of Great Britain have agreed to refuse the compensation offered in the act and to do no work whatever for the government under it. This action, which is said to have been made official at a special meeting of the British Medical Association July 23rd, of course makes the act a dead letter. The whole incident is, however, very instructive. The original passage of Mr. George's insurance bill, which was called extreme socialism, was but an indication of what many people have said would some day come to pass; that the state would take over the medical care of the people. The refusal of physicians to accept what they consider an insufficient compensation does not contradict the probable truth of the assumption; quite the reverse; it indicates that the state will do so under proper conditions.

All over the world there seems to be a water of fanatical attack upon medical science that has shown more distinctly in the FANATICAL United States, and particularly in the West, than elsewhere. It is very difficult to understand.

Of course certain elements of this movement in opposition to scientific medicine are plain enough; the eddyites, the dishonest manufacturing element behind the "league for medical freedom," and the like. But they do not explain it satisfactorily; they do not explain, for example, the remarkable case of the libel action against. Dr. Bashford, in England, which was referred to editorially in the August issue of the JOURNAL. They do not explain the increasing number of antivaccination societies and of antivivisection societies. They do not explain why honest, educated and presumably sane people will be carried away into these waste places of the ignorant. The editor of New York Life is a well educated and presumably sane man, and yet we all know the anti-everything-about-progressive-medicine attitude that Life takes. Medicine has passed out of the fetish stage of existence, in the public mind; perhaps the average person likes the fetish thing and so has gone to the place where he can get it—the eddyite and the various other freak cults. It may be that it is because the old medicine is gone and the new, scientific medicine, the people have not yet learned about; they have not become convinced that science has really taken the place of the fetish. But even so, the situation is alarming and not at all easy to understand.

Why do so many physicians want to come to California? A year or two ago, when the matter was looked into, it was found

WHY THIS INVASION?

that there was one doctor to about every 400 of population; and several hundred doctors have

come in since then. For the August 1912 examination of the State Board of Medical Examiners, 202 applications had been received up to the time when the books close under the law, two weeks before the examination. Of these 194 had filed satisfactory credentials and 8 were pending investigation at the time of writing; we may safely say that at least 200 will take the August examination. If the average number pass, we will have 150 or more newly licensed physicians in an already over-supplied state. Why is it? Moreover, the Governor has said—or at least he is quoted as having said—that he was anxious to have the next legislature pass a very liberal reciprocity amendment to the present law regulating the practice of medicine; an amendment that would permit any physician licensed in any other state to come to California and practice. would mean no medical law whatever, practically, for any one with a diploma can get a license in some state and then come here and the law would permit him to practice upon an ignorant public, no matter how poorly qualified he might be. It is commonly said that the legislature which is to convene in January will pass any law the

recompense. Under recent decisions, however, there is no doubt as to the constitutionality of acts demanding reports without recompense, provided that the information required by the Act is reasonably within the scope of knowledge of the physician. Barring unreasonableness, there can be no constitutional objection to such legislation.

There is no desire on the part of the Board to threaten physicians with the penalties mentioned in your communication. The Board recognizes that physicians, as the most intelligent and generally the most social-minded citizens, are anxious to aid the State to secure proper data for future legisla-tion on this subject. Your co-operation is ex-pected, not primarily because of legal necessity, but rather because of the intelligent attitude of your Society towards remedial legislation.

As a separate matter of interest, let me remind you that under the Employers' Liability Act (which is entirely separate from the act demanding reports), the employer is responsible up to the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for medical care and attention incurred by or on behalf of an employee injured during the course of his employment. This applies only to those employers who have elected compensation who have elected compensation.

For the use of the Society, I herewith submit a list of the more prominent employers who have elected to be bound under the compensation provisions of the act. Physicians should, where employees of these firms are injured in the course of their employment, protect themselves by sending the bills at once to the employer and looking to him for payment of the same.

Alameda Sugar CoSan Francisco American Olive CoLos Angeles California Cotton MillsOakland California Stevedore & Ballast Co
City Electric CoSan Francisco Eagle Laundry CoSan Francisco E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Co
San Francisco Electric Laundry Co Los Angeles Excelsior Laundry Co Oakland Fresno Republican Pub. Co Fresno Great Western Power Co San Francisco Linen Laundry & Supply Co Los Angeles Los Angeles Loundry Co Los Angeles Los Angeles Packing Co Los Angeles Madera Sugar Pine Co Madera Magnet Steam Laundry Los Angeles Munger Laundry Co Los Angeles Mutual Laundry Co Los Angeles New Method Laundry Co Los Angeles New Method Laundry Co Los Angeles New Method Laundry Co San Francisco Noble Electric Steel Co San Francisco North Star Mines Co Grass Valley Northern California Power Co., Cons
North Star Miles Co
Pig & Whistle Co. of OaklandOakland Pacific Tel. & Tel. CoSan Francisco Panama-Pacific Int. Exposition Co
San Francisco Puritas Laundry CoLos Angeles J. P. Pyle & SonSan Jose The Record Publishing CoLos Angeles Richards-Nelstadt Construction Co
Los Angeles San Francisco Laundry Association
San Francisco Laundry Association
Simon Newman CoSan Francisco

C. A. Smith Lumber Co Bay View
Soft Water Laundry CoLong Beach
Standard Lumber CoSonora
Standard Oil CompanySan Francisco
Swift & CoSan Francisco
Troy Laundry CoLos Angeles
Union Sugar CoSan Francisco
University of CaliforniaBerkeley
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Western Meat CoSan Francisco
Zellerbach Paper CoSan Francisco

This Board will be pleased to co-operate with the Medical Society in every possible manner.

Yours very truly,

AARON L. SAPIRO,

Secretary.

According to the local press of June 5th, the following employers of labor have elected to come under the workmen's compensation provisions of the Roseberry law:

Burk Bros. Feather River Power and Irrigation Co. F. Thomas Parisian Dyeing and Cleaning Works.

National Lead Co. Plumas Investing Co. Western Exploitation Co.

On July 18th, the following additional list of employers who have accepted compensation was received from the Secretary of the Industrial Accident Board:

La Grande Laundry......San Francisco Fleishhacker Paper Box Co...San Francisco Western Paper Box Co.....Oakland Natomas Consolidated of Cal., San Francisco Morry Flyndl Natomas Consolidated of Cal., San Francisco Mervy-Elwell Co......Oakland Earl Orchard Co.....Los Angeles New Method Laundry Co....Stockton General Petroleum Co...San Francisco Pacific Wakefield Co...San Francisco Maricopa Nat'l. Petroleum Co...Fresno Enterprise Laundry Co....Santa Clara Ontario Laundry Co....Ontario Sunset Door & Sash Co....Stockton Spreckels Bros. Commercial Co...

Pacific Electric Heating Co.. San Francisco

The Yuba Construction Co... San Francisco

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Fitzgerald, W. W., from 38 So. California St., Stockton, to Elks' Bldg., Stockton.

Laughlin, C. B., from address unknown to 268 Market St., San Francisco.

May, Wm. H., from Montgomery Creek, Cal.,

Frizell, J. P., from Yreka to San Francisco, Cal. Petch, Philip H., from San Francisco to La Moine, Shasta Co., Cal.

Cross. Hugh, from Lincoln, Cal., to Sisson, Cal. Crawfis, G. A., from Smith River to Los Angeles, Cal.

geles, Cal.
Wolfe, H. H., from San Francisco, Cal., to Albion, Mendocino Co., Cal.
Rilev, J. A., from 1437 Oak St., Alameda, to 1430 Park St., Alameda.
Ball, S. E., from Elsinore to Los Angeles.
Hewetson, Jno., from Riverside to?
Sawyer, E. H., from Riverside, Cal., to Wendling, Cal. ling, Cal.

Scott, H. H., from Riverside to?

Thompson, Wm. H., from Riverside to? Tilden, A. D., from address unknown to Riverside, Cal.

Ware, C. D., from Cedarville to Bodie.

Converse, Geo. M., from San Francisco to Iquitos, Peru.

Hall, Geo. E., from Palo Alto to Long Beach. Reynolds, L. G., from Ochsner Bldg., Sacramento, to 719½ K St., Sacramento, Cal.

Massie, A. M., from Berkeley to 995 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

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Garner, R. W. T., from Sierraville, Cal., to Susanville, Cal.

Hamilton, I. B., from Los Angeles to Orosi, Cal. Banks, W. H., from 4402 California St., to 135 Stockton St., San Francisco.

Pritchard, M., from Nevada to 8061/2 J. St., Sac-

Kelsey, J. E., from 2162 Vine St., Berkeley, to Acheson Bldg., Berkeley.

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Los Angeles, Cal.

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Donnelly, E. F., from San Francisco, to Napa
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909 F. St., Sacramento.

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